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1. On 22 December 1952, a meeting of the Central Organizational Commission, Pietro Secchia presiding, was called at Via delle Botteghe Oscure, Rome, to examine Party organizational efficiency, in light of the problems posed by the approaching electoral campaign. Secchia, while reviewing electoral work programs, criticized certain examples of bureaucracy which characterized Party life during past administrative elections. In discussing electoral co-ordination between the Party "apparat" and other mass organizations, Secchia called for the formation of liaison committees drawn from the PCI, Partito Socialista Italiano (PSI; Italian Socialist Party), Unione Donne Italiane (UDI; Italian Women's Union), Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia (ANPI; National Association of Italian Partisans), the Peace Partisans, and other mass groups.
2. The individual responsible for the Piedmont Regional Organizational Committee stated that political and organizational mal-functioning is caused by breaking down activity into geographic sectors. This results in the creation of intermediate directive organisms, not contemplated in the Party statute, thereby impeding the harmonious execution of assigned tasks. According to the Piedmont representative, this situation occurs most frequently in the larger Federations and reflects a misinterpretation of democratic centralism, as outlined in Central Party directives.
3. The Central Control Commission of the Party recently submitted a report to the Party National Secretariat assessing the efficiency of Party activity in blocking the electoral law. The report pointed out that the activity engaged in was of doubtful value and too limited in scope, since the propaganda reached only the extreme left sympathizers, and left other political strata indifferent.



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